

Subject: Tegucigalpa (Honduras)  
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Archer Huntington medal

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I have always considered the M.P. on the coins of Tegucigalpa as the initials of mint officials. and not moneda Provisional. Coin no 1 on rubbing is interesting as having the head of Augustin also it shows why the reverse with Eagle on nopal was used. Now this coin of Augustin I cannot consider as a moneda Provisional and therefore consider that the initials M.P. are those of a mint official as I understand was the case on various South American and Mexican coins. No 2 shows a different reverse die than shown by Campaner and in the Ulex sale 2202. My piece has a single row of Serrin-circles. No 3 I think is no 2203 in the Ulex Sale. I consider the L.A. on coin no 2. and your no 252. mint ~~masters~~<sup>officials</sup> initials, showing that a change had been made in the mint. I note that you consider the letters as A.L. and Libertad. Do you still consider this so. On your coin



WHEREAS, at the Annual Meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, held on the 16th day of March, 1891, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favor of securing a house for the use of the Society, and of raising the sum of \$50,000 for that purpose. And, whereas the following members of the Society, namely: Messrs. Andrew C. Zabriskie, H. Russell Drowne, Herbert Valentine, Charles Pryer, William Poillon and Daniel Parish, Jr., were at said meeting appointed a Committee for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions towards such society house.

Now, we, the undersigned, hereby subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names here below, it being understood that our subscriptions shall only be binding upon us when the sum of \$40,000 is subscribed, and that such subscriptions shall be due and payable three months after said sum is subscribed (on notification from the Treasurer of the Society), or at such other time as may be specified by a subscriber in connection with his subscription.

And, when the amount of \$40,000 is payable, it shall be deposited at interest in one of the Trust Companies in New York City, until, in the discretion of the committee, a suitable house has been obtained.



252 you read the ~~unseen~~ legend TEGHSI  
GALPAL 1423 3 A 2 P M. I have never seen  
a coin with this extra 3 (And) 3 Libertad)  
I however consider the M on coin 2. as Moneda  
Tegucigalpa and on your coin 253. as  
M(oneda) Provisional. I notice in  
your copy of Campaner's plate. VIII  
a line is drawn between the eagle and  
the cross <sup>side of the</sup> coins. Does this combination  
occur. Unfortunately I have not Cam-  
paner's book, only your copy of his  
plates. Can you copy off what he  
says about these coins.

my coin no 4 I would like to  
consider Tegucigalpa. You will  
note the M.P. on it, and the letters T.C.  
on the other side. Can this T.C. be for  
Tegucigalpa. It is a little better  
silver than the other coins, and although  
it looks something like the Venezuela  
coins I do not think it belongs to that  
series.



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September 21st, 1921

J. F. Medina, Esq.  
Santiago, Chile

My dear Sir:

Pardon my writing in English but my use of Spanish is so poor that I am afraid that I could not make myself clear in your language.

I have been making a study of the coins of Tegucigalpa and desire to ask you a few questions which I hope you can answer.

I am enclosing rubbings of four coins which I have, and which I have numbered here 1, 2, 3 and 4.

I have always considered the M.P. on the coins of Tegucigalpa as the initials of Mint officials, and not standing for Moneda Provisional. Coin No.1 on the rubbing is interesting as having the head of Augustin; also, it shows why the reverse with eagle on nopal was used. Now this coin of Augustin I cannot consider as Moneda Provisional, and therefore consider that the initials M.P. are those of a mint official, as I understand was the case on various South American and Mexican coins.

No. 2 shows a different reverse die than shown by Campaner and in the Ulex Sale, 2202. My piece has a single row of semi-circles.

No. 3 is, I think, No.2203 in the Ulex Sale.

I consider the L.A. on coin No.3 and your No.252, mint officials' initials, showing that a change had been made in the mint. I note that you consider the letters as A.L. - Ano Libertad. Do you still consider this so? On your coin, No.252, you read the legend TEGUSICALPAL 1823 & A 2 P M. I have never seen a coin with this extra 3 (A(no) 3 L(ibertad)). I, however, consider the M. on Coin No.2 as Moneda Tegucigalpa, and on your coin No.253 as M(oneda) Provisional.

I notice in your copy of Campaner's Plate VIII, a line is drawn between the eagle and the cross side of the coins. Does this combination occur? Unfortunately, I have not Campaner's book, only your copy of his plates. Can you copy off what he says about these coins?

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J. T. Medina, Esq.

September 21st, 1921

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My coin No.4 I would like to consider Tegucigalpa. You will note the M.P. on it, and the letters T.G. on the other side. Can this T.G. be for Tegucigalpa? It is a little better silver than the other coins; and although it looks something like the Venezuela coins, I do not think that it belongs to that series.

Can you send me plaster impressions or nice rubbings of Tegucigalpa coins which you have and which I have not?

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of my monograph entitled Mexican Revolutionary Coinage, which I trust you will find interesting.

Thanking you in advance, believe me

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E  
Enc.



December 21st, 1926

Mr. Jose Toribio Medina,  
Santiago, Chili

My dear Mr. Medina:-

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the committee appointed to make the annual award of the Huntington Medal is taking great pleasure in conferring it upon you at our annual meeting to be held in New York City January 15th.

Our governing body, the council, has unanimously approved of the choice of this committee. This medal ~~which is~~ silver is awarded each year in recognition of literary and other contributions to the science of Numismatics. The previous recipients have been:-

Newell, Edward T.	1918
Brett, Mrs. Agnes Baldwin	1919
Wood, Howland	1920
Svoronos, Jean N.	1921
Babelon, Ernest	1922
Hill, George F.	1923
Frey, Albert R.	1924
Macdonald, George	1925

We regret very much that we have not been able to notify you sooner, so as to be able to have your acceptance at our annual meeting. This will, however, be awarded to you in absentio and the medal will be forwarded to you later..

In behalf of the Huntington Medal Award Committee, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

HW:MB

Curator